

COVID-19 Mandate Protests 2022-02-18 20:00 EST

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Update as of 2022-02-18 1900 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

- All POEs are open and clear at this time / PoJ engaged
- Operational EVE blitz at Lacolle POE - thirteen new enhanced vigilance exams, all non resultant
- s.38 [REDACTED] social media threats of a potential blockade at Cornwall in response to police operations underway in Ottawa and the dismantling of the Windsor blockade. No protestors or indications of action have been noted by CBSA personnel at the POE.
- OPP reports a potential protest at Pigeon River POE on Feb 19, 2022, and will have personnel on site to assist
- Peaceful protests in the vicinity of but not directly affecting the following POE's:
 - o North Gate
 - o Paterson
 - o Pac Highway

REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- No protest activity at or near POEs reported in the region
- NWNB: RCMP have advised they have a rapid response team ready to respond to any protest activities.

Woodstock

- RCMP and NB Department of Justice and Public Safety have positioned one police vehicle each at NB Route 95 and the intersection of Old Houlton Road directly adjacent to the Woodstock POE. This coverage will remain in place 24/7 until 08:00 Monday morning.

St. Stephen

- RCMP confirmed they will maintain a presence 24 hours per day effective 19:00 h on February 17, 2022 through 07:00h Monday, February 21, 2022. They are positioned in the employee parking lot overlooking Highway #1.

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

- All Quebec POEs are open, with no protests reported at or near them.

Lacolle

- SQ will establish traffic control on Saturday, February 19 on Highway 15 southbound and will increase the number of patrols in the area as a precautionary measure. (Command Post on standby).
- POE conducted an enhanced vigilance exam operation today. Two travellers were directed back to the US for non-compliance with the *Quarantine Act* (no nexus to protests).

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NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

- Ongoing police presence at Lansdowne, Prescott and Sault Ste. Marie

Cornwall

- s.38 [REDACTED] notified the POE of a potential blockade in response to the arrests being conducted in Ottawa and the dismantling of the Windsor blockade. This is based on a social media (Twitter) call for action. There has been no protesters or indications of a protest observed locally.
- Cornwall City Police Service (CCPS) has been maintaining a presence on site at the POE. We currently have one marked CCPS vehicle in the employee parking area maintaining security within the compound. Additionally, s.37 [REDACTED] s.37 [REDACTED] at the intersection closest to the POE. OPP has not been observed on site or nearby.

Pigeon River

- OPP reports a potential protest at Pigeon River POE on Feb 19, 2022, and will have personnel on site to assist. POE, Intelligence and OPP staff are aware.

GREATER TORONTO AREA REGION (GTAR)

Toronto Pearson Airport

- No credible threats identified by Peel Regional Police or the Greater Toronto Airport Authority.
- There are 25 additional cruisers 24/7 throughout the airport in preparation for any unruly activity, placed strategically at entrances and exits of the airport.
- Most acute concern is the potential of a flash protest; partners are prepared to add public order unit to attend should this happen.

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

Ambassador Bridge

- Uncorroborated information: poster being shared on social media about a rally planned for February 19 at 2:00pm at the Windsor Riverfront.
- Map of Barricades at Windsor



Windsor Tunnel

- Law enforcement maintains a presence at both the entrance and exit to the Tunnel
- A Tunnel bus from Transit Windsor is on site should there be a stoppage or demonstration. Commuters can and will be transported across the tunnel to work in Detroit.

Blue Water Bridge

- Protest/Slow Roll planned in Sarnia on Saturday February 19. Information has been received that a convoy of heavy farm equipment, personal vehicles and possibly transport trucks will depart from the Flying J Truck Stop in Wyoming, Ontario at 1000 ET and follow a route of city streets and roads in the Sarnia area to maximize exposure while minimizing impact on transport truck movement.

Peace Bridge

- OPP has stationed two marked vehicles near the POE. One MTO vehicle present at the Central Ave exit. Peace Bridge Authority has installed fencing on either side of the Central Avenue overpass to limit access to the bridge.
- Niagara Parks Traffic Control is setting up road blockades on the Niagara Parkway at Queen Street and the Niagara Parkway at Central Avenue so no traffic can go behind the CBSA facility or under the bridge

- A vehicle linked to last week's protest at PB has returned to the area (in the Fort Erie Walmart parking lot), truck and Camper.
- Social media posts suggest than plans still exist for protest activity at the Peace Bridge on both the Canadian and US sides of the border on Saturday, February 19.

Rainbow Bridge

- A vehicle ran the port at approx. 1400 ET. Intel confirmed vehicle returned to USA at 1408 ET. No apparent link to protests.

PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

- Coutts

- No evidence at this time of more border blockades at Coutts however s.37 [REDACTED] s.37 [REDACTED] It appears further protest action is planned in the local town of Milk River (20km north of the POE) over the weekend.
- RCMP report situation is stable; possible that will see a resurgence of activity on the weekend.
- The RCMP are not putting up additional road blocks rather they have significantly increased patrols in the area and on the highways. They have a zero tolerance for anyone trying to block the highway.
- RCMP will remain in current preparedness until February 21st. Situational dependent.

North Portal

- No protest or activities ongoing
- RCMP have advised a few protest vehicles have been intercepted at their check stop on Hwy 39 several kilometres away from North Portal.
- RCMP have another check point approx. 500 meters north of the POE to intercept protesters if they continue travelling toward the POE.

Northgate:

- No ongoing protest at this time.
- Small gathering of 4 campers on a private land near the POE Northgate.
- RCMP establish check point at proximity and constantly patrolling the area.



Emerson:

- No change. RCMP maintaining presence in the area of the Emerson POE

PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

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- Reporting no disruptions
- All protestors and vehicles have left the area.

Pacific Highway

- A small gathering of protestors is present at 176th and 8th
- RCMP checkpoints in proximity to the POE remain in place, with cement barricades to limit lanes and RCMP checking each car/truck
- All side streets between 2nd and 4th Avenue (access to residential area) have RCMP checkpoints

Paterson

- 8 Vehicles and approximately 13 people remain on site. One lane is open and traffic is still able to move in both directions. Vehicles have been moved to one side of the highway to create additional room for vehicles to pass.

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- Open source information indicates that counter protests are being planned for the Lower Mainland and VIA this weekend. Groups are reporting that they will be significantly larger than previous protests. Another convoy may be planned for Vancouver Island as well, with no identified border nexus.

Protest Events

ONGOING (Impacting or in Proximity to CBSA POE)	Planned UNCONFIRMED
· North Portal / Northgate, SK (in proximity to POE) · Paterson – North of POE · PAC Highway – In the vicinity of the POE Overseas New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests	<u>February 19</u> · Lacolle, QUE · Pigeon River, NOR · Peace Bridge, SOR · Windsor Riverfront, SOR · Osoyoos, PAC(Feb 19-21) · Paterson, PAC · Samia, SOR (slow roll) <u>February 20</u> · Fort Frances & Rainy River – tip received of possible railway blockage at Baudette Crossing (US) USA · Peace Bridge (US Side) for Feb 19-20, and DC Convoy plans to depart on Feb 24. (Unconfirmed – the 2 events may be related)

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: At this time (18 February 2022:1200), the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is still low, but caution should be exercised in light of recent reporting surrounding IMVE groups. ITAC assesses that the terrorism threat to uniformed personnel is medium.

Enhanced Vigilance Examinations

As of 1800 ET Feb 18, 2022, 13 new Enhanced Vigilance Examination were reported:

POE	Vehicle #	Enhanced vigilance exams (PAX #)	Direct Back under the Quarantine Act (QA)*	Direct Back under the Emergencies Act (EA)**	Direct back under the QA with a nexus to the EA***	Allowed to Leave	Granted Entry	Comments

Fort Erie, SOR	1	2		2		Feb 13: Two U.S. citizens were arrested after two undeclared firearms were discovered during secondary inspection, which were seized. The driver made a wrong turn as both travellers are protesters who were destined to the protest in Buffalo. Travellers were each issued an Allowed to leave.
Sault Ste. Marie, NOR	2	2	1		1	Feb 5: U.S. citizen attempting to join protest in Ottawa. Feb 5: Cdn citizen expressing extremist views refused to comply with COVID entry requirements and ran the port
Prescott, NOR	1	1			1	Feb 5: Unvaccinated Cdn citizen/US resident has been directed to quarantine by CBSA and PHAC
Lansdowne, NOR	1	2			2	Jan 29: Journalists looking to document the protests in Ottawa. Provided necessary credentials and had equipment consistent with their stated purpose of travel.
Douglas, PAC	10	21	18	3		Jan 29: Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Pac Hwy Traffic, PAC	2	3	3			Jan 29: Wrong turns attempting to protest at Peace Arch Park.
Total (pre EA)	18	33	22	7	4	

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA

- Transport Canada has issued a NOTAM restricting airspace near Quebec City until Feb 21, 2022 due to potential protests in the area.

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